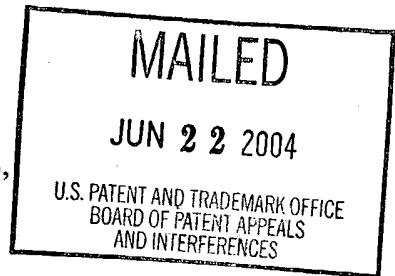


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Appeal No. 2004-1028
Application No. 09/381,631

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before HARKCOM, Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge, WILLIAM F. SMITH,
Administrative Patent Judge, and KRATZ, Administrative Patent Judge.

Per Curiam.

On May 28, 2004, counsel for the appellant filed a Request for Continuation
Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114. Pursuant to the Notice entitled, "Request for
Continued Examination Practice and Changes in Provisional Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg.
50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000), and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a Request for
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decision on appeal, "will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner."

Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be deemed appropriate.

DISMISSED

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